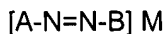


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original): A metal chelate compound of Formula (1) or a salt thereof:

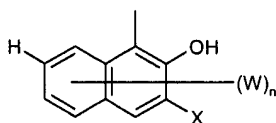


Formula (1)

wherein:

A is an optionally substituted pyridyl ring; and

B is of the Formula (2):



Formula (2)

wherein:

X and W are substituents other than H;

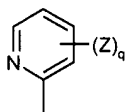
M is a metal chelated to A-N=N-B; and

n is 0 to 4.

2. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1

wherein :

A is of the Formula (3):



Formula (3)

wherein:

q is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

each Z independently is a substituent other than H.

3. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim [[1]] 2

wherein W, X and Z are each independently selected from the group consisting of CF₃, -OH, -Br, -Cl, -F, -CN, -NO₂, phosphoric acid, sulfo, optionally substituted phosphoramidate, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, -SR¹, -SO₂R¹, -SO₂NR²R³, -SOR¹, -OR¹, -C(O)R¹,

$-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^1$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{NR}^2\text{R}^3$ or $-\text{NHCOR}^1$, wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted aralkyl.

4. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of -SH, carboxy, cyano, halo, nitro, C_{1-6} -alkoxy or C_{1-4} -alkyl, optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, halo or cyano group(s).

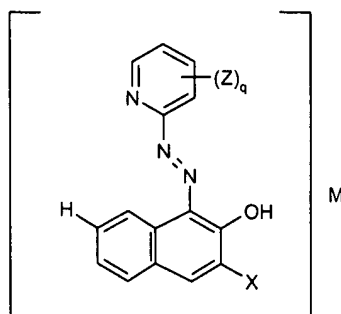
5. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 wherein W and X are each independently selected from the group consisting of sulpho, sulphonamido, carboxy, carbonamide, halogen, nitro and cyano groups.

6. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according claim 1 wherein in the metal chelate compound of Formula (1) A-N=N-B is chelated to M in the ratio 1:1 or 2:1 respectively.

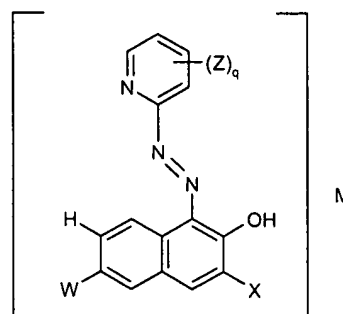
7. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 wherein M is nickel, chromium, cobalt, copper, zinc, iron or manganese.

8. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 wherein M is nickel.

9. (currently amended): A metal chelate compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 of Formula (4a) or (4b) or a salt thereof:



Formula (4a)

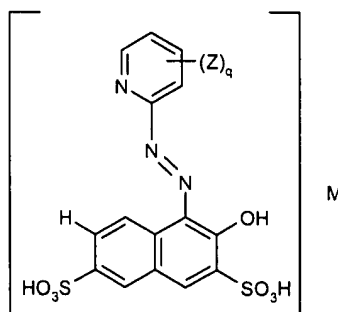


Formula (4b)

wherein:

- M is nickel, chelated to the group shown in square brackets; and
X and W are selected from the group consisting of sulpho, sulphonamido, carboxy, carbonamide, halogen, nitro and cyano groups;
q is 0, 1 or 2; and
Z is selected from the group consisting of cyano, C₁₋₄-alkyl, carboxy, nitro, halo and C₁₋₆-alkoxy groups.

10. (currently amended): A compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 of Formula (5) or a salt thereof:



Formula (5)

wherein:

M is nickel, chelated to the group shown in square brackets; and
q is 0, 1 or 2; and
Z is selected from the group consisting of cyano, C₁₋₄-alkyl, carboxy, nitro, halo and C₁₋₆-alkoxy groups.

11. (currently amended): A composition or a salt thereof comprising:
(a) one or more compound(s) according to claim 1; and
(b) one or more water-soluble dye(s) other than a compound according to (a).
12. (currently amended): An ink comprising:
(a) ~~a compound according to claim 1, or a composition according to claim 11~~
metal chelate compound of Formula (1) or a salt thereof:

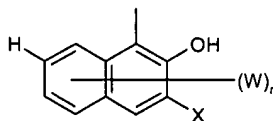


Formula (1)

wherein:

A is an optionally substituted pyridyl ring; and

B is of the formula (2):



Formula (2)

wherein:

X and W are substituents other than H;

M is a metal chelated A-N=N-B; and

n is 0 to 4;

and

(b) a liquid medium.

13. (original): A process for printing an image on a substrate comprising applying thereto by means of an ink jet printer an ink according to claim 12.
14. (previously presented): A substrate printed with an ink according to claim 11.
15. (original): An ink jet printer cartridge comprising a chamber and ink, wherein the ink is present in the chamber and the ink is as defined in claim 12.
16. (original): An ink jet printer containing an ink jet printer cartridge, wherein the ink jet printer cartridge is as defined in claim 15.
17. (previously presented): A substrate printed by means of the process according to claim 13.